

THE WHITE HOUSE
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Back-end reading

April 20, 1962

WEEK END READING 4/20/62

1. The general scope paper for the Macmillan meeting. There will be a briefing book and other material on Monday or Tuesday.
See "Spec. Unit"

2. An intelligence paper which comes over the personal signature of John McCone. This problem of South Korean armed forces is not right for immediate decision but he asked that you be informed of his view. *SNIE 42-62. Filed*

3. An intelligence estimate on Laos with an interesting covering comment by Mike Forrestal. What is important about this paper is the deep division between the rest of the intelligence community and Roger Hilsman. I believe that in this case policy attitudes are entering into intelligence estimates, but I do not think we should make an issue of it at the moment. *SNIE 58-2-62*

4. A still more striking illustration of this same problem is the difference between the Washington intelligence community and CINCPAC on Chiang's effort to go back to the Mainland. This illustrates also the highly aggressive atmosphere of Felt's command and reinforces the grave doubt which Averell and others have of Felt's political judgment. *Filed "Referral to Mainland China" No 1/13 - by 2303. Filed "Cuba" dated 4/18 - by 2103 - filed "Cuba"*

5. two interesting papers on Cuba. *See 1/13 - by 2303. Filed "Cuba" dated 4/18 - by 2103 - filed "Cuba"*

6. A telegram from Bonn. Schroeder stands fast -- a good man -- what we need in Washington is some one really close to him. McCloy is going to Bonn in early May and if you agree I'll ask him to say this to Schroeder and if he thinks useful to Chancellor that Grewe should be withdrawn. *Bonn 2529 - filed "Germany"*

7. A column from France-soir - *See "Spec. Unit" No 4/17/62*

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